lakh tonnes in May, 1988, as compared to 32.50 lakh tonnes in May, 1987.

(c) Does not arise.

Insurance scheme for persons rendered jobless due to modernisation in public/private sectors

402. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unemployment insurance scheme to provide relief to those rendered jobless due to technological upgradation and modernisation in public/private sector is being considered;

(b) whether the scheme, which has been mooted by the All India organisations of Employers (AIOE) alongwith a proposal to float a national fund for financing it has been recommended by the Union Government, and

(c) if so, what are the main points of the scheme and to what extent it will help to those rendered unemployed due to technical upgradation and what is the total number of such persons?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) A draft Rehabilitation Insurance Scheme for Industrial Workers rendered surplus due to Modernisation/ Rehabilitation of Potentially Sick Units prepared by the General Insurance Corporation of India has been received.

(b) No, Sir. The proposal has been forwarded by the Ministry of Finance for examination.

(c) The draft scheme of the G.I.C. seeks to provide cash assistance to the workers retrenched as a result of modernisation or potential sickness of the Industry. According to the scheme the money is to be paid out of an Insurance Fund proposed to be financed by employers, Central Government and employees in a prescribed ratio. The G.I.C. has assumed the annual rate of retrenchment of the workers to be 1.08%.

Frequent interruption in the transmission Mangalore relay station

403. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is frequent interruption in the transmission from the Mangalore Relay Station of Doordarshan and

(b) if so, what steps Government proposes to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The TV transmitter at Mangalore is functioning normaly. However, there have been frequent failures of mains power supply in the city durlng the past few months. Though the Kendra has been provided with a diesel generator to take care of such situation, minor interruptions in the transmission cannot be avoided in view of the time taken for switching over from source of power supply to the other. The State Government has been requested from time to time to make arrangements fo prpviding a reliable and uninterrupted power supply to Doordarhhan installations in the State:

Powerful Television transmitter at Mangalore

404. SHRI SUBRAMANIA SWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a low power transmitter installed at Mangalore;